



TOMORROW ENDS Pennsylvania Turkey Week. Here Harry Lamparter, Mountville, holds a broad breasted bronze tom from his breeding flock. Lamparter says that he thinks that merchandising of turkey by cuts is in the future. "After all," he says, "we don't buy a side of beef at a time in the store." (LF Photo)

## It's The Law

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Q. If an individual or a group of individuals can and will not take Social Security benefits for conscience sake, is it the law that such individuals must pay self employment tax? If the tax is paid, is it the law that a Social Security card must be taken?

A. The Social Security Administration, Department of Health Education and Welfare says that it is the law, provided that an individual has net earnings from self-employment of \$400 or more in non-farm business or in the operation of a farm for profit. There is no exemption for a person because of his personal desire not to receive social security payments. Such a person may refuse to apply for monthly benefits when he reaches the eligible age, but there is no more exemption for him under the Social Security Act from paying his self-employment taxes than there is for him to pay his county and school taxes.

The law says, "Every person liable for any tax imposed by this title, or for the collection thereof, shall keep such records, rend-

## Benson Starts USDA Survey Of Activities of Stock Buyers

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has asked USDA representatives to work with Assistant Secretary Earl L. Butz to survey current activities and problems relating to the investigation and regulations under the Packer and Stockyards Act of trade practices in livestock buying and meat merchandising.

Benson indicating that he was asking for this review of problems relating to buying and merchandising practices in order to appraise the adequacy of the department's resources and current policies in this field. The Secretary said that "With limited funds available for administration of

the Packers and Stockyards Act over the last 10 years, the department has concentrated attention on those activities closest to the producers themselves, where it appeared that funds could be spent most effectively and where the results would most certainly work to the direct and immediate benefit of producers.

"This policy has paid substantial dividends and has had the support of producers generally. It assures livestock producers of open competitive markets, free from unfair practices, with reasonable marketing charges. Bonds must be furnished by the commission firms and dealers to protect the proceeds of sale.

"Examples of the actions taken under the Act which directly benefit the livestock shippers to the markets are the cases involving millions of dollars in false and fraudulent weighing at such principal markets as Indianapolis, Chicago, and Kansas City, the elimination of the "turns systems" at various markets under which livestock feeder-buyers did not receive equal treatment with dealers on the market, and the mishandling or noncompetitive selling of livestock in the Ogden, Utah, market and surrounding area."

During the current year, the USDA has taken steps to post and supervise an additional 200 livestock auction markets. Prior to this year some 330 yards were posted out of an estimated total of 800 yards subject to posting. The current budget of the department reflects a further increase in funds for the Packers and Stockyards Act which will allow the posting and supervision of additional auction markets. Additional funds are included to provide for increased investigations in the trade practices field, especially those practices relating to country buying of livestock.

er such statements, make such returns, and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary or his delegate may from time to time prescribe. Whenever in the judgment of the Secretary or his delegate it is necessary, he may require any person, by notice served upon such person or by regulations, to make such returns, or his delegate deems sufficient to show whether or not such person is liable for tax under this title.

"When required by regulations prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate any person made liable for the collection thereof, shall make a return or statement according to the form and regulations prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate. Every person required to make a return or statement shall include therein the information required by such forms or regulations.

"Every individual (other than a nonresident alien individual) having net earnings from self-employment of \$400 or more for the taxable year shall make a return with respect to the self-employment tax imposed by chapter 2"

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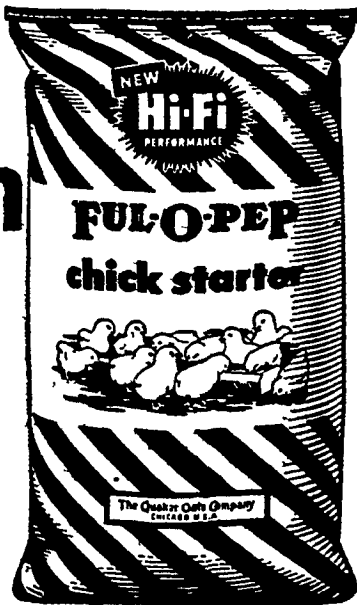
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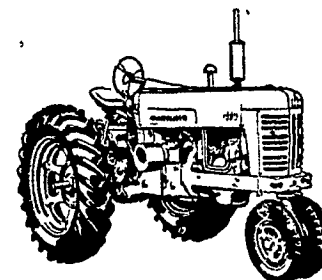
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